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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following patents and other documents which are listed on attached Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of filing date of the above-referenced application.

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,404,061 issued October 1, 1968, to Shane.
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,540,764 issued November 17, 1970, to Paus.
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,895,713 issued January 23, 1990, to Greinke.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,902,762 issued May 11, 1999, to Mercuri.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be considered by the Examiner and made of record as part of the "available prior art" under 37 C.F.R. §1.104.

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Respectfully submitted,



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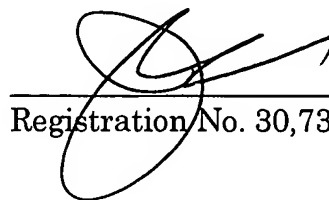
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